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gestion of pale eggs of the crows. In the accompanying photograph (fig. 24) a normal Coot's egg is shown along with the one just described. Careful scrutiny will serve to bring out some of the oddities that have been mentioned. The difference in size and shape between the two is normal and within the range of individual variation. As for the cause of this abnormality, it may be attributed to continued excitement and fear and their reactions through the nervous system upon the ordinary functions of the oviduct.

Washington, D. C., January 22, 1917.

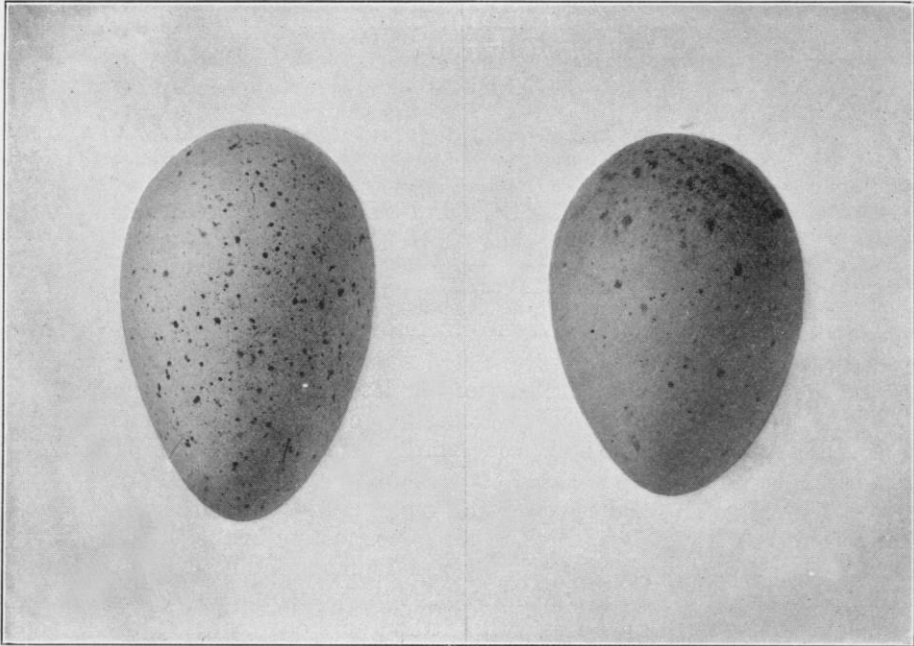


Fig. 24. NORMAL EGG OF COOT AT LEFT; ABNORMALLY MARKED SPECIMEN AT RIGHT.
Natural Size.

NAMES OF WRITERS ON CALIFORNIA BIRDS

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IN THE BIBLIOGRAPHY of California Ornithology¹, published in 1909, Joseph Grinnell has brought together nearly 1800 titles of publications on the birds of California and has indexed them under authors, local lists, and species, so as to facilitate ready reference to each paper or note. This Bibliography compares favorably in accuracy and completeness with any ever published in this country.

The Index to Authors includes the names of about 350 individuals. More than two thirds of these names are complete, but in 107 cases it was found impracticable to give the names in full. It seems highly desirable to complete these names while it is still possible to obtain the necessary data, in order that

¹Pacific Coast Avifauna, No. 5, pp. 1-166.

the full names of those who have published on the birds of the state may be placed on record. As a contribution to this work the following list containing the names of 57 authors—52 in full and 5 in part—has been prepared in the hope that some of the 50 names still incomplete may be supplied by others who may happen to have the desired information.

The years following each name indicate the dates of the author's publications as indexed in Grinnell's Bibliography, dates in parentheses the years of birth and death, and names in brackets those which are seldom used.

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